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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SURFACE-MODIFIED METAL OXIDES  
METHODS FOR PRODUCTION AND USE  
THEREOF IN COSMETIC PREPARATIONS

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Examiner: B. S. Frazier

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2009, and in consideration of the attached Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 and Request for Continued Examination, reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.